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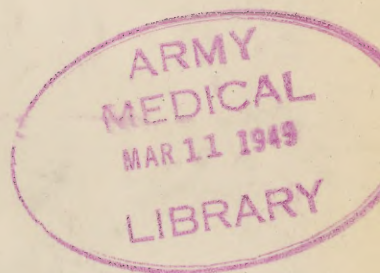
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This Month's Cover Picture

Shown in front of the Okinawan Gift Shop in the Ryukyus Military Government Headquarters area are (left) the first Okinawan horse-drawn cart to be built since the war and (right) one of the hand-drawn carts, which have been in production for some months. A full description of the carts is found on page 25, paragraph 29.

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SECTION 1

GOVERNMENT

Directives

1. There were no Military Government directives or proclamations issued on Okinawa during December. There were no Northern Ryukyus Military Government directives issued during December.

2. Southern Ryukyus Operational Directive No. 38, "Vital Statistics," issued 20 November 1948 and effective 1 January 1949, directs that the provisional governments will publish rules and regulations which will enable each city, town and village to have complete information on all births and deaths.

Southern Ryukyus Operational Directive No. 39, "Naming of Buildings, Parks, Streets and Areas," issued and effective 21 December 1948, prohibits the naming of any public building, park, street or area after American persons without written permission of the Senior Military Government Officer of Southern Ryukyus.

Southern Ryukyus Directive No. 5, "Registration of Powered Vessels," issued 20 November 1948 and effective 1 January 1949, provides procedures and conditions under which power driven vessels will be registered, and rescinds Operational Directive No. 32, dated 22 April 1947.

Assembly Meetings

3. The 14th meeting of the Okinawa Assembly was held at Okinawa Civilian Administration on 9 December with 21 of the 25 members present. Major recommendations were: that the encouraging of competition and prevention of monopoly be considered in the licensing of new industries by the government; that the increase in production of commodities for export be encouraged; that land and water transportation each be converted to private enterprise as a better means of increasing industrial production and an equitable distribution of commodities; that harbors be developed on the east coast of Okinawa; that the Chiji ask Military Government to request that Naha harbor be made accessible for use by the Okinawans, since Naha will be the trade center of the island in the future; that, as a result of damage to crops by the October typhoon, Military Government furnish 50 percent of the required subsistence to Okinawa Gunto, beginning in February and continuing indefinitely.

A meeting of the Military Assembly was held 10 December 1948. Topics discussed were ways and means for increasing food production and supply, and the establishment of a Welfare Center and Tuberculosis Sanitarium.

A meeting of the Yaeyama Council was held 19 December 1948 to discuss the making of a loan from the Bank of the Ryukyus for the purchase of an engine and a generator for the City Electric Power Plant.

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LEGAL

Civilian Courts

1. Civilian Courts on Okinawa tried 275 criminal cases in December. No civil cases were tried during December. A total of 259 cases were tried by the Magistrate Courts. Fines collected amounted to ¥ 12,650. A total of 45 persons were placed on probation and 35 were acquitted.

MAGISTRATE COURTS

Okinawa Gunto
Criminal Cases

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
Curfew violation	35
Larceny	48
Traffic violation	105
Wrongful possession	20
Prostitution	20
Black marketing	2
Injury	7
Off limits	5
Violation of sanitation regulations	1
Violation of fishing regulation	4
Interisland travel and trade	1
Violation of gun and powder regulations	7
Violation of Special Proclamation No. 17	1
Violation of Special Proclamation No. 14	1
Pandering	2

A total of 16 criminal cases were tried by Circuit Courts, ¥ 800 in fines were collected, 6 persons were placed on probation and two persons were acquitted.

CIRCUIT COURTS
Okinawa Gunto
Criminal Cases

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
Larceny of U.S. property	11
Injury	2
Off limits	1
Fraud	2

There were no cases tried in the Superior Court or in the Court of Appeals.

2. In the Northern Ryukyus Circuit Court 25 criminal cases were tried, ¥ 4,010 in fines were collected, 10 persons were placed on probation and all persons were found guilty.

CIRCUIT COURT
Northern Ryukyus
Criminal Cases

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
Abortion	1
Usurpation of Articles	1
Theft	6
Injury	3
Fraud	5
Forgery	2
Trespassing	5
Violation of US MG Directive No. 46	2

Circuit Courts tried 107 civil cases in the Northern Ryukyus in December.

CIRCUIT COURT
Northern Ryukyus
Civil Cases

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
Tort	6
Real Estate	22
Loan	19
Compromise	5
Domestic relations	2
Personal affairs	2
Auction	1
Petition	50

No cases were tried in the Magistrate, Superior or Court of Appeals in the Northern Ryukyus in December.

3. In the Southern Ryukyus Magistrate Court a total of 25 criminal cases were tried in November, ¥ 5,364 in fines were collected, one person was placed on probation and one person was acquitted. There were no civil cases tried. A total of 15 criminal cases were tried in December, ¥ 1,019 in fines were collected, three persons were placed on probation and one person was acquitted. There were no civil cases tried in the Magistrate Court.

MAGISTRATE COURT
Southern Ryukyus
Criminal Cases

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>	
	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Violation of explosives law	5	3
Stowaway	-	4
Violation of fire regulations	-	3
Assault	-	1
Theft	2	2
Violation of traffic regulations	9	1
Violation of police regulations	1	1
Illegal entry	1	-
Violation of US MG Dir. No. 18	7	-

In the Southern Ryukyus Circuit Court there were 9 criminal cases tried in November, ¥ 6,700 in fines collected and all persons found guilty. There were 17 criminal cases tried during December, no fines were collected and nine persons were placed on probation.

CIRCUIT COURT
Southern Ryukyus
Criminal Cases

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>	
	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Fishing with explosives	3	-
Assault and personal injury	1	9
Violation of election law	5	-
Theft	-	4
Fraud	-	2
Escape	-	2

No cases were tried in the Superior Court or the Court of Appeals in the Southern Ryukyus during November or December.

Military Courts

4. Military Government Courts on Okinawa tried 439 cases. A total of 123 were tried in Superior Provost Court with ¥ 105,460 confiscated, ¥ 93,700 in fines collected, 40 persons placed on probation and all persons found guilty.

SUPERIOR PROVOST COURT Okinawa Gunto

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
Larceny of U.S. property	56
Injury	1
Wrongful possession	54
Off limits	1
Prostitution	3
Interisland travel and trade	2
Receiving stolen property	2
Wrongful use of motor vehicle	3
Forgery	1

A total of 316 cases were tried in Summary Provost Court, 71 persons were placed on probation, 75 persons were acquitted, and ¥ 3,650 in fines were collected.

SUMMARY PROVOST COURT Okinawa Gunto

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
Violation of traffic regulation	49
Larceny of U.S. property	83
Wrongful possession	76
Off limits	80
Prostitution	13
Pendering	3
Purchase of U.S. property	11
Escape	1

5. In the Northern Ryukyus in the Superior Provost Court 16 cases were tried with 15 persons placed on probation, ¥ 6,000 in fines were collected and all persons were found guilty. There were 15 cases of illegal entry, travel and trade, and one case of larceny of U.S. property. No cases were tried in the Summary Provost Court.

6. In the Southern Ryukyus in November in the Superior Provost Court 2 cases were tried, no persons were placed on probation, ¥ 112,640 in fines were collected and all persons were found guilty. No cases were tried in the Summary Provost Court.

In the Southern Ryukyus Superior Provost Court 5 cases were tried during December, no persons were placed on probation, one person was acquitted and no fines were collected. In the Summary Provost Court six cases were tried, no persons placed on probation, all persons were found guilty and no fines were collected.

Citizenship Claims

7. Six new claims to Americans citizenship were filed.

Workmen's Compensation

8. The Workmen's Compensation Commission heard and approved 26 claims and awarded a total of ¥ 112,497.90 to claimants.

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LAW AND ORDER

9. A total 693 arrests, including 51 juveniles, were made in Okinawa Gunto during November. There were 125 arrests in the Northern Ryukyus and 57 in the Southern Ryukyus.

ARRESTS
November

<u>Adults</u>	<u>Okinawa</u> <u>Gunto</u>	<u>Northern</u> <u>Ryukyus</u>	<u>Southern</u> <u>Ryukyus</u>
Murder	0	0	1
Assault & battery	5	3	0
Negligent homicide	1	0	0
Accidental homicide	0	2	0
Public duty, interference with officials	3	2	0
Larceny and embezzlement	198	98	18
Fraud	4	0	0

Forgery of official documents	1	0	0
Dealing in stolen goods	6	0	0
Illegal possession of US Govt property	39	0	0
Illegal possession of explosives & firearms	11	1	5
Violation of ceiling prices	3	13	0
Smuggling	2	0	0
Violation of travel regulations	21	0	0
Violation of fishing regulations	2	1	0
Violation of traffic regulations	209	0	1
Violation of fire regulations	0	0	2
Violation of curfew regulations	72	0	0
Prostitution	58	0	0
Trespassing	4	5	0
Violation of medical regulations	3	0	0
Violation of MG Proclamation Number 18	0	0	8
Violation of election law	0	0	22

Juveniles

Okinawa Gunto

Larceny	38
Illegal possession US property	7
Bartering	2
Trespassing into Military installation	4

POLICE

10. The Okinawan Police Department held inter-police Judo matches at the Naha Police Academy on 18 December to celebrate the third anniversary of the founding of the academy.

11. The Okinawan Police Department reported a riot staged by natives employed at Naha Port protesting against quantity and quality of food rations being served there. Several native employees of the compound mess hall were assaulted and food was stolen from store-rooms. Policemen rushed to the scene and dispersed the mob after firing several warning shots in the air.

PRISONS

12. Prison population figures in the Ryukyus for December were not received.. The new administration building at the Okinawa Central Prison was completed and put in use on 18 December 1948.

Activities of Okinawan Prisoners

13. During December the Central Prison and Branch Prisons produced 9,127 pounds of food, which is 35 percent of the total food consumed during the month. Food production showed a decrease of 1,283 pounds from November.

14. Manufacture of industrial products by the prisoners brought a sale value of ¥ 9,507.00. Prisoner laborers employed by Military Government and Bucknerville Dependent Housing Area earned ¥ 10,932.50 in December. The fish catch and shoe repairs netted ¥ 645.00. Total revenue was ¥ 21,084.50. The prison deficit for December was ¥ 20,350.50. The large deficit was due to machinery breakdown and lack of fuel and materials.

ACCIDENTS

15. The 24 accidents reported in Okinawa Gunto in November resulted in 12 deaths. The 3 accidents in the Northern Ryukyus resulted in 3 deaths. There were no accidents in the Southern Ryukyus during November.

<u>Cause of casualties</u>	<u>Okinawa Gunto</u>	<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>
Explosives		
Killed	0	0
Injured	3	0
Traffic		
Killed	3	0
Injured	9	0
Poisonous Alcohol		
Killed	8	0
Injured	0	0
Miscellaneous		
Killed	1	3
Injured	0	0

FIRE AND DISASTER

Fires

16. There were 13 fires in Okinawa Gunto resulting in ¥ 5,142,580 in damage. No casualties occurred. Three fires in the Northern Ryukyus caused a damage of ¥ 31,000 and no injuries. Two fires were reported in the Southern Ryukyus with a total damage of ¥ 168,000. No injuries resulted. Increase in total damage in Okinawa is due to a fire at a tile factory with loss of factory, quonset and two standard prefabricated houses with furniture.

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SECTION 1

NATURAL RESOURCES

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AGRICULTURE

Food Production

1. Crops harvested in the Ryukyus are shown below in metric tons.

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Okinawa Gunto</u>	<u>N. Ryukyus</u>	<u>S. Ryukyus</u>
	<u>December</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>November</u>
Rice	601	617	328
Cersals	0	48	331
Soy beans	0	0	253
Vegetables	785	391	260
Sugar cane	2,610	0	218
Peanuts	15	0	0
Sweet Potatoes	6,689	8,136	3,210

2. The Koran Maru from Japan, discharged 22,210 bags of super phosphate of lime at Naze, Northern Ryukyus. A total of 1,201 bags of ammonium nitrate from Japan was shipped to the Northern Ryukyus from Okinawa.

3. The Hanneji Dam, located on the northern part of Okinawa, was completed during December. Constructed of earth fill with clay core, the dam is 40 feet high, 400 feet long, 20 feet wide at the top and 240 feet across the bottom. About 4 acres of land will be under water in the reservoir, giving a capacity of about 12,000,000 gallons of water. There are now 14 feet of water in the dam. At present, 52 acres of farm land will receive benefits from it. Water stored in the reservoir will be used as a safety measure against times of drought, and is expected to increase rice production by 700 or 800 pounds per acre per year. The dam is the first of several to be built under the auspices of the Ryukyus Rice Production and Land Reclamation Authority.

4. Livestock and poultry populations in the Ryukyus for December are shown in the following tables:

Okinawa Gunto

	November						December
	<u>Population</u>	<u>Births</u>	<u>Slaughtered</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Import</u>	<u>a/ Export</u>	<u>Population</u>
Cattle	3,651	74	0	2	2	0	3,725
Horses	2,733	0	0	9	3	0	2,727
Swine	29,994	2,785	290	42	89	5	32,531
Goats	16,292	324	19	9	33	0	16,621
Rabbits	21,724	1,095	400	0	0	0	22,419
Poultry	91,337	2,170	300	0	4	0	93,211

a/ Imported from Miyako

Northern Ryukyus

Cattle	14,176	406	152	25	0	0	14,405
Horses	3,036	45	7	6	0	0	3,068
Swine	31,325	2,053	851	122	5 a/	0	32,410
Goats	25,369	987	485	52	0	0	25,819
Rabbits	6,104	2,541	1,763	0	0	0	6,882
Poultry	107,498	6,275	4,024	0	0	0	109,749

a/ The five pigs imported from Okinawa are being kept at the O'Shima Industrial Experimental Station for breeding purposes. These pigs were part of the 511 received through LARA.

Meat produced from slaughtered animals totaled 45.6 metric tons in the Northern Ryukyus.

Southern Ryukyus

Cattle	2,054	0	0	1	0	2	2,051
Horses	8,759	0	0	0	0	3	8,756
Swine	15,818	460	194	91	0	89	15,904
Goats	13,148	193	136	16	0	33	13,156
Rabbits	855	28	14	7	0	0	862
Poultry	34,414	242	368	0	0	4	34,284

FISHERIES

Fish Landings

5. Favorable fishing days for Okinawa Gunto were 8 days in December. In the Northern Ryukyus favorable fishing days averaged 7 in November.

FISH CATCH - RYUKYUS
(metric tons)

<u>Type</u>	<u>Okinawa</u> <u>December</u>	<u>N. Ryukyus</u> <u>November</u>	<u>S. Ryukyus</u> <u>November</u>
Swordfish	1	2.6	3.8
Bonito	10	3.8	6.9
Mackerel	1	-	-
Red snapper	6	18.5	-
Gurukun	43	.6	4.2
Shark	24	2.7	3.4
Sea bream	6	-	8.2
Squid and cuttlefish	2	-	8.8
Tuna	2	-	5.5
Octopus	6	-	-
Sardine	-	-	8.3
Others	140	45.0	16.3
Total	<u>241</u>	<u>73.2</u>	<u>65.4</u>

6. Other marine production for Okinawa totaled 19 metric tons. The Southern Ryukyus produced 992 metric tons of edible seaweeds.

One metric ton of dried bonito was processed during December on Okinawa, .07 in the Northern Ryukyus and .69 in the Southern Ryukyus.

Fishing Fleet

7. Fishing boats in operation in the Ryukyus are shown in the table below.

	<u>Powered</u>	<u>Nonpowered</u>
Okinawa (Dec)	104	1,638
Northern Ryukyus (Nov)	58	1,100
Southern Ryukyus (Nov)	71	561

Fishing Boat Construction and Repair

8. One sampan was constructed in the Southern Ryukyus. The Okinawa Boat Building and Repair Yard at Toguchi made the following repairs:

Hull repairs	5
Engine repairs	11
Machine shop repairs	24
Electric repairs	14
Batteries recharged	90

The blacksmith shop produced 831 bolts, 370 tack nails and 560 flat nails. There were no fish knives, hooks or lines produced by the Okinawan Fisheries Association in December.

Ryukyuan Fishing Association

9. On 15 December representatives of the four civil governments in the Ryukyus and members of the various fisheries associations opened a conference regarding the improvement of the Ryukyus fishing industry. It was decided that a Ryukyus Fishing Association was needed, and officers for such a group were elected.

Ice Plants

10. The 15-ton ice plant at Toguchi, Okinawa, produced 198 short tons of ice in December for distribution to the various fishing associations in Okinawa Gunto. The Miyaya Ice Plant in the Northern Ryukyus produced 25 short tons of ice during November.

Petroleum Products for Okinawa Gunto Fishing

11. POL allotment and consumption for December for the Okinawan and Northern Ryukyus fishing industries is given below.

POL ALLOTMENT AND CONSUMPTION Okinawa Gunto

<u>Item</u>	<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Consumed</u>
Gasoline	3,080 gal	3,080 gal
Diesel	95,000 gal	95,000 gal
SAE #30	4,240 gal	4,240 gal
SAE #90	53 gal	53 gal
Kerosene	2,544 gal	2,544 gal
G.P. #1	60 lb	60 lb

Northern Ryukyus

Diesel	6,360 gal	5,590 gal
Gasoline	264 gal	263 gal
Kerosene	0 gal	0 gal
SAE #30	103 gal	84 gal
G.P. #1	0 lb	0 lb

The Southern Ryukyus fisheries reported the following POL allotted and consumed in November: Miyako - 15,423 gallons of diesel oil, Yaeyama - 212 gallons of kerosene.

Supply

12. The following supplies procured from Civilian Supply sources were distributed in December:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Okinawa G.</u>	<u>N. Ryukyus</u>	<u>S. Ryukyus</u>
Acid Hydrochloric	lb	690	460	920
Carbon disulphide	lb	3,850	3,850	7,700
Duck, gray, 23,93 oz	yd	7,000	6,000	12,000
Fire extinguisher	ea	20	0	0
Blade, hacksaw	ea	200	0	0
File, flat, assorted	ea	60	0	0
Nail, galv, 30D	lb	2,000	0	0

On 20 November the Okinawan fishing industry obtained 8 LCM and 13 LCVP hulls to replace unserviceable hulls.

FORESTRY

13. The amount of lumber and lumber products produced in the Ryukyus is shown below:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Okinawa (Dec)</u>	<u>N. Ryukyus (Nov)</u>	<u>S. Ryukyus (Nov)</u>
Lumber	bd ft	2,234,400	425,040	165,556
Firewood	cu ft	465,644	3,755	91,043
Charcoal	lb	3,201	66,000	0

The Agricultural Section was furnished 1,231,480 board feet and 952,920 board feet were furnished the Industries Section.

In Yacyama during November 33,026 roofing poles were produced.

Iriomote Timber and Logging Project

14. Logging operations in the Upper Nakara River area continued. The Shirahama Sawmill cut 20,500 board feet of lumber in December. A total of 40,000 roofing poles were shipped to Okinawa from Iriomote.

One small mill is being set up at Urauchi, Iriomote, to cut lumber for miner's homes and timber for the Urauchi Coal mines to be opened soon.

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INDUSTRY

1. The overall increase of industrial production in Okinawa Gunto is due to the restoration of many factories to normal since the typhoon in October.

Food Processing

2. Food processing in the Ryukyus is shown in the table below:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Okinawa</u> (Dec)	<u>N. Ryukyus</u> (Dec)	<u>S. Ryukyus</u> (Nov)
Miso	lb	17,100	0	387
Shoyu	gal	940	0	290
Vermicelli	lb	20,444 <u>a/</u>	0	0
Flour	lb	30,825	0	0
Bread	lb	4,021	0	0
Rice cleaning	lb	661,417	120,000	0
Tea	lb	3,067 <u>b/</u>	0	0
Fish paste	lb	1,500	0	0
Starch	lb	94,562	0	0

a/ Increase due to abundance of flour distributed to the populace.

b/ Increase is due to the tea harvest season.

3. Salt produced in Okinawa Gunto in December totaled 110,848 pounds. No salt was produced in the Northern Ryukyus in December. In November the Southern Ryukyus reported a production of 34,955 pounds of salt.

Metalworking

4. Twenty-eight ironworks, employing 300 persons, reported production in Okinawa Gunto in December. Farm tools manufactured totaled 1,588 and 686 farm tools were repaired. Household utensils manufactured totaled 365, while 73 household utensils were repaired. There were no rat traps manufactured. Industrial tools manufactured totaled 1,090, while 317 industrial tools were repaired. Eighteen casting factories, employing 129 persons, reported production of 2,835 items. Availability of solder in December resulted in the manufacture of 459 items by the tinsmith factories of Okinawa, employing 16 persons.

5. In the Northern Ryukyus 5 casting factories employing 28 persons reported production of 173 items. Seven ironworks employing 65 persons in that area manufactured 950 items. One hundred and twenty blacksmith shops employing 236 persons manufactured 1,500 agricultural hoes and 1,200 cutlery implements.

6. In the Southern Ryukyus in November, 33 ironworks employing 174 persons reported production of 5,234 hardware items, 230 farm tools and 244 household items. Casting factories in the Southern Ryukyus reported production of 255 items.

Ceramics

7. Pottery production during December in Okinawa Gunto is shown in the table below:

CERAMICS PRODUCTION - OKINAWA GUNTO December

For sale to Okinawans

Rice bowl	6,370
Tea bowl	930
Tea cup	1,322
Tea pot	406
Jar	1,035
Funeral urn	0

For sale through Gift Shops

Flower vase	6
Ash tray	58
Ornamental lion	13
Sake pot	99

Sake cup	956
Tea pot	32
Tea bowl	0
Tea cup	58
Flower pot	0

In the Northern Ryukyus during December, one ceramic factory employing 4 persons manufactured 25 earthenware mortars, 150 tea cups, 50 rice bowls and 500 insulators. No production of ceramics was reported in the Southern Ryukyus in November.

Woodworking

8. Fifty-one woodworks employing 473 persons reported production in Okinawa Gunto in December.

WOODWORKING PRODUCTION - OKINAWA GUNTO December

School desk	750
School chair	750
Office desk	56
Office chair	139
Mat weaving machine	3
Furniture	99
Wash basin	346
Geta	3,606
Tableware	754
Door	57
Rat trap board	0
Cart (hand-drawn) a/	26
Toy	0
Agricultural tool	50

a/ In previous summations the carts manufactured were hand-drawn carts, not horse-drawn as listed.

In the Southern Ryukyus 23 woodworks employing 133 persons reported production of 420 pieces of household furniture in November.

Shoemaking and Repair

9. In Okinawa Gunto during December 14 shoemaking and repair shops, employing 31 persons, remade (changed large size into small) 306 pairs and made 981 repairs.

10. Miscellaneous industries in Okinawa Gunto produced 135 lacquered items and reclaimed 3,057 pounds of cotton.

11. In the Northern Ryukyus in December two industrial chemical factories employing 8 persons manufactured 10 pounds of hydrochloric acid. No soap or tooth powder was produced.

Woven Products

12. The production of woven articles in Okinawa Gunto is shown in the table below:

WOVEN PRODUCTS - OKINAWA GUNTO December

Panama hat	20
Working hat	350
Cigarette case	20
Handbag	0
Paper holder	0
Doily	0
Mat	17

During November the Southern Ryukyus reported production of 278 floor mats, 340 tatami floor mats and 95,000 yards of thread made of adanba leaves. In the Northern Ryukyus during December no production of woven articles was reported.

13. In the Northern Ryukyus in December two paper manufacturers employing 18 persons manufactured 2,400 sheets of sliding screen paper. Five book printing and binding concerns employing 80 persons printed 53,800 sheets of newspapers and 3,000 sheets of periodicals. The monthly edition printing amounted to 1,200 sheets. Thirty umbrellas were manufactured by one factory employing two persons.

14. The following bamboo products were manufactured in the Northern Ryukyus during December.

Table, dining	15
Chair, collapsible	15
Bookshelf	15
Bed	7
Table	15

Okinawan Gift Shop Sales

15. Gross sales of the Okinawan Gift Shops for the period 28 November to 27 December amounted to ¥ 116,610.

Building Materials

16. During November building material production in the Southern Ryukyus totaled 94,141 pieces of tile, 57,330 pounds of lime, 41 metric tons of limestone and 25 cubic feet of sandstone. In the Northern Ryukyus during December 10 tile factories employing 67 persons reported production of tiles sufficient to cover 3,312 square feet of space.

BUILDING MATERIALS -- OKINA GUNTO

December

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Okinawa tile	ea	130,341
New type tile	ea	18,811
Brick	ea	35,871 <u>g/</u>
Lime	lb	21,332
Lime mortar	lb	50,664
Sandstone	cu ft	6,800

a/ Increase is attributed to the increased demand for brick by Military agencies.

Construction and Repair

17. The standard prefabricated houses completed on Okinawa during December totaled 969. Public buildings constructed were one school building with thatched roof and nine other frame buildings. Five quonsets were constructed on Okinawa in December for use as follows: 1 - warehouse, 1-office and motor pool, 3 - offices of a construction battalion.

There was one tile-roofed school building constructed in the Northern Ryukyus and two tile-roofed buildings in the Southern Ryukyus. Ten quonsets were constructed in the Southern Ryukyus. In November one frame building with tile roof was constructed in Miyako and three similar buildings were built in Yaeyama.

Renovation of the Naha Telephone Exchange building was 85 percent completed in December.

18. In Okinawa Gunto three culverts, 11 retaining walls and 2 drainage ditches were constructed. In Miyako in November 15,000 square feet of retaining walls were constructed.

One bridge in Motobu-Cho, Okinawa, was constructed. One bridge was constructed in the Northern Ryukyus. On Okinawa $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road was constructed on the Forest Road, Meiji-Yama line. Northern Ryukyus reported road construction of $14\frac{1}{2}$ miles in Mikata mura. In Miyako in November 1.5 miles of roads were constructed.

ELECTRIC POWER

19. Electric power consumption on Okinawa during December totaled 137,990 kilowatt hours. In the Northern Ryukyus 245,883 kilowatt hours were consumed in December and in the Southern Ryukyus 12,868 kilowatt hours were consumed. In the Southern Ryukyus in November 15,123 kilowatt hours were consumed.

ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION - OKINAWA GUNTO
(kilowatt hours)

Prison & police stations	5,476
Schools	2,807
Motor pools	2,160
Hospital & dispensaries	21,219
Ration dumps	6,161
Industries and factories	64,707
Government	35,460

Revenue collected in the Northern Ryukyus totals ¥ 72,837.50 and ¥ 46,841.80 in the Southern Ryukyus.

TRANSPORTATION

Water Transportation

20. Thirteen Military Government vessels based at Okinawa, were employed in the Ryukyus interisland distribution of civilian goods, heavy equipment, medical supplies, clothing and POL. Passengers carried numbered 809 in December.

INTERISLAND CARGO DISTRIBUTION
(measurement tons)

	<u>Net Cargo To</u>		<u>From</u>
Northern Ryukyus	861	813	48
Southern Ryukyus	3,742	760	2,982
Iriomote	14	14	0
Daitos	0	0	0
Totals	4,617	1,587	3,030

21. The Military Government FS 195, which has been in Kobe, Japan, for drydocking and repairs due to damage incurred during typhoon, returned to Okinawa on 15 December.

LST 737 departed Okinawa for Kobe, Japan, on 27 November for drydocking and repairs. Enroute it off-loaded 1,000 long tons general cargo at Amami O'Shima.

22. Two of the three confiscated vessels under operational control of the Provisional Government, Northern Ryukyus, operated at a net profit of ¥ 42,746.70. The third vessel was inoperative because of engine difficulties. Four other vessels under Provisional Government control made 10 interisland trips, carrying 998 measurement tons of cargo and 1,093 passengers. Net profit was ¥ 47,287.70..

23. In the Southern Ryukyus eight confiscated vessels were in operation bringing in a revenue of ¥ 106,628. A total of 89 other vessels made 351 interisland trips, carrying a cargo of 992.63 measurement tons and 10,734 passengers, and bringing in a revenue of ¥ 24,941.85. The increase is due to the use of boats usually engaged in fishing.

Land Transportation

24. The Okinawa Bus Company carried 54,424 passengers during December and collected ¥ 297,240.40 in fares.

25. A total of 34 vehicles were repaired at the Okinawa higher echelon maintenance shop at Machinato in December.

26. A total of 431 vehicles were in operation in Okinawa Gunto, 91 in the Northern Ryukyus and 34 in Miyako. No report is available from Yaeyama. The 70 additional vehicles reported in the Northern Ryukyus are Japanese vehicles which have never been reported before.

VEHICLES IN USE

December

Type	<u>Okinawa G.</u>	<u>N. Ryukyus</u>	<u>S. Ryukyus</u>
Truck, 2½ ton	242	86	64
Truck, 3/4 and 1½ ton	72	2	3
Truck, ¼ ton	105	1	3
Miscellaneous	12	2	9

27. A total of 36,290 short tons of cargo was hauled by truck in Okinawa Gunto, 850 in the Northern Ryukyus and 2,574.5 in the Southern Ryukyus.

CARGO HAULED BY TRUCK

(short tons)

December

	<u>Okinawa G.</u>	<u>N. Ryukyus</u>	<u>S. Ryukyus</u>
Water Transportation	4,506	-	-
Agriculture	1,103.6	0	90
Commerce	491.1	24	0
Fisheries	763.6	0	24
Industry	346.0	0	102
Rations, clothing, POL	23,177	443	1,355
Medical supplies	420.7	-	16
Public Works			
Construction material	2,300	172	717
Road maintenance	1,875	10	91
Import & Export	0	0	.3
Education	500	24	.2
Baggage for repatriation	258	177	0
Miscellaneous	324	0	1179

28. In Okinawa Gunto, 1,359 passengers were carried by truck in the repatriation and resettlement program in December. In the Northern Ryukyus 3,411 passengers were carried by truck, bringing in a revenue of ¥ 10,452. In the Southern Ryukyus 6,479 passengers were carried by truck with a revenue of ¥ 91,105.

Horse-drawn Carts

29. The first horse-drawn cart built on Okinawa since the war was completed recently. A copy of the carts used before the war, it was built at Aza Saw Mill by the Higashi Kobasei Company. The cart has a platform 10 feet 8 inches long with removable side boards, mounted on two wheels. The load capacity is one ton. A total of 280 hand-drawn carts with a load capacity of 500 pounds each has been built and are now in use.

Carts of both types will be manufactured and put into use as rapidly as possible to alleviate the critical transportation shortage and replace the majority of motor vehicles. Before the war the manufacture of carts was a major industry; 12 times as many hand and horse-drawn carts were in use as all other means of land transportation combined.

Production will be increased as lumber and metal becomes available, most of the material used is imported. Sales price is controlled by the Okinawan Civilian Administration. It is not intended that this company shall have a monopoly of the industry.

COMMUNICATIONS

Postal Communications

30. Postal deliveries in the Ryukyus are shown in the table below:

MAIL DELIVERIES-RYUKYUS December

Domestic

<u>Origin</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Parcel</u>
Okinawa	Northern Ryukyus	167	3
Okinawa	Miyako	183	0
Okinawa	Yaeyama	218	4
Okinawa	Okinawa	17,400	118

Northern Ryukyus	Okinawa	93	0
Northern Ryukyus	Miyako	134	0
Northern Ryukyus	Yaeyama	201	0
Miyako	Okinawa	123	4
Miyako	Northern Ryukyus	36	0
Yaeyama	Okinawa	128	0
Yaeyama	Northern Ryukyus	7	0

International

<u>Origin</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Airmail</u>	<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Parcels</u>
Okinawa	Foreign countries	8,273	1,622	0
Miyako	Foreign countries	160	19	0
Yaeyama	Foreign countries	90	134	0
Northern Ryukyus	Foreign countries	1,085	2,711	0
Foreign countries	Okinawa	4,996	2,603	8,789
Foreign countries	Miyako	34	303	0
Foreign countries	Yaeyama	18	303	0
Foreign countries	Northern Ryukyus	322	3,523	0

31. Postal revenue in Okinawa Gunto in December totaled ¥ 106,362.70.

Telephone and Telegraph

32. An average of 715 local telephone calls was completed daily by exchanges in Okinawa Gunto in December. A total of 1,243 long distance calls were made in the Gunto.

33. Telephone revenue in Okinawa Gunto totaled ¥ 5,838.80. Of this amount telephone rent totaled ¥ 4,075, toll charges were ¥ 1,529, local calls brought in ¥ 184.80 and subscription fees totaled ¥ 50. Five Okinawan trunk lines, damaged by the typhoon in October, were restored to service.

LABOR

34. A total of 41,653 Okinawans were employed by agencies of the United States Government during December. The total number of Okinawans gainfully employed was 212,978. In the Northern Ryukyus 101 were employed by agencies of the United States Government during December. The total number of persons gainfully employed there was 131,794. In the Southern Ryukyus 53 persons were employed by agencies of the United States Government during December: gainfully employed persons totaled 66,700.

35. Unemployed persons in Okinawa Gunto totaled 1,319. Unemployed persons in the Northern Ryukyus totaled 4,978 and in the Southern Ryukyus 3,488 were unemployed.

INTERISLAND AND FOREIGN TRADE

36. Imports from Japan to the Ryukyus consisted of 1,009 from tons of super phosphate fertilizer.

Fourteen metric tons of sea shells were received from Yaeyama and 8 metric tons from Miyako. These shells will be packed on Okinawa and shipped to Japan to use in making buttons. Three metric tons of Kaijinso (medicinal seaweed) were received from Yaeyama for transshipment to Japan. Okinawa shipped 104.6 pounds of hemp fiber to Yaeyama during December.

RATIONING AND DISTRIBUTION

Subsistence

37. Of the subsistence consumed in the Ryukyus for December, 31 percent was imported and 69 percent was locally produced by the Ryukyuans.

38. The following locally produced food was released for distribution in the Ryukyus during November.

INDIGENOUS FOOD DISTRIBUTION (metric tons)

Sweet potatoes	17,015
Cereals	379
Rice	1,000
Fish	358
Vegetables	948

39. Imported foods consisting of 48 metric tons of flour, 374 metric tons of rice, 941 metric tons of canned goods and dry provisions and 125 metric tons of sugar were distributed in the Ryukyus in December. A total of 128 pounds of candies was distributed to both the Northern and Southern Ryukyus.

40. During November and December cigarettes were not available for distribution to farmers in return for the surrender of indigenous food.

41. A total of 19,438 metric tons of foodstuffs consisting of 67,598,310,131 calories was on hand at the Central Subsistence Warehouse, Tengan, on 31 December. The foodstuffs are broken down as follows:

<u>Foodstuff</u>	<u>Calories</u>	<u>lb/tons</u>	<u>Days on Hand</u>
Starch	55,182,824,801	15,813	147
Protein	1,437,816,023	408	17
Sugar	9,213,053,008	2,571	856
Fat & oil	318,323,480	41	11
Milk	1,446,292,810	289	136
Salt	-	-	0
Item with no caloric value	-	316	-

There is an average of 135 days on hand in all types of imported foodstuffs. This is based on 35 percent issue of requirements to Okinawa, 25 percent to the Northern Ryukyus and 21 percent to Miyako. Yaeyama Retto is self-sufficient at the present time.

Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants

42. Totals of 728,078 gallons of POL and 4,508 pounds of grease were distributed in the Ryukyus in December.

POL ISSUES December

<u>Receiver</u>	<u>Mogas(gal)</u>	<u>Diesel(gal)</u>	<u>Kerosene(gal)</u>	<u>Lub Oil(gal)</u>	<u>Grease(lb)</u>
Mil Supply	36,849	67,315	3,286	4,982	1,050
Okinawa G.	45,759	191,580	13,462	9,916	723
Motor Trans.	113,000	880	689	6,519	2,400
Water Trans.	3,465	186,300	848	8,109	175
N. Ryukyus	13,200	0	3,922	954	100
S. Ryukyus	7,840	0	636	1,590	35
Iriomote	2,365	4,400	106	106	25
Total	222,478	450,475	22,949	32,176	4,508

Trade Goods

43. Trade goods amounting to 436 metric tons were distributed throughout the Ryukyus in December.

Finance

44. The Finance Department of Military Government is engaged in collecting a body of financial statistics to be used to relate current statistical information. Until these statistics are completed, no information will be available on native financial activities in the Ryukyus.

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PUBLIC HEALTH

Medical Care

1. Medical care in the Ryukyus during November is shown in the table below.

	<u>Okinawa G.</u>	<u>N. Ryukyus</u>	<u>S. Ryukyus</u>
In patients	1,976	26	31
Out patients	27,133	55,110	4,132
Hospital capacity	1,532 <u>a/</u>	60	85

a/ Excluding the 461 dispensary beds.

2. The Aisakuen Lepor Colony in Okinawa, with a capacity of 900, has 717 patients at present. There were 4 lepers admitted to the Wakoen Lepor Colony in the Northern Ryukyus and three to the Nanseien Lepor Colony in Miyako, Southern Ryukyus.

3. Number of medical personnel in the Ryukyus in November is shown below:

	<u>Oki</u>	<u>G.</u>	<u>N. Ryukyus</u>	<u>S. Ryukyus</u>
Physicians	127		43	38
Physicians Assts	75		14	11
Dentists	32		41	10
Dentists Assts	25		9	6
Registered Nurses	297		55	28
Student Nurses	185		32	0
Nurses Aides	191		-	53
Midwives	330		111	54
Pharmacists	16		7	6
Veterinarians	63		14	11

Disease Incidence

4. Disease incidence was reported in the Ryukyus in November as follows:

(1) Respiratory Diseases:

	<u>Okinawa G.</u>	<u>N. Ryukyus</u>	<u>S. Ryukyus</u>
Scarlet fever	0	0	0
Smallpox	0	0	0
Chicken pox	16	13	7
Measles	25	64	1
German measles	3	0	0
Mumps	176	54	50
Influenza	524	46	129
Pneumonia, lobar	62	115)	14
Pneumonia, bronch	144		236
Diphtheria	9	7	0
Whooping cough	36	26	15
Tuberculosis, pulmonary	92	70	12
Tuberculosis, other	46	-	12
Epidemic meningitis	2	11	3

(2) Insect Borne Diseases reported in Okinawa by districts are shown below. No cases of typhus occurred.

<u>Districts</u>	<u>Japanese "BU"</u>		<u>Malaria</u>	<u>Filariasis</u>
	<u>Encephalitis</u>		<u>Nov</u>	<u>Nov</u>
	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>		
Hentona	0	0	168	7
Taira	0	0	190	2
Jinuza	0	0	59	2
Ishikawa	0	0	113	0
Maebaru	1	0	160	1
Koza	1	0	170	4
Naha	1	0	60	3
Chinen	0	0	295	6
Itoman	0	0	29	2
Totals	3	0	1,244	27

In the Northern Ryukyus there were no insect borne diseases reported, while in the Southern Ryukyus there were 5 cases of Japanese "B" encephalitis, 9 cases of malaria and 49 cases of filariasis reported in November.

(3) Intestinal Diseases:

	<u>Okinawa G.</u>	<u>N. Ryukyus</u>	<u>S. Ryukyus</u>
Para typhoid	0	0	0
Typhoid fever	0	0	0
Amoebic dysentery	50	366	25
Cholera	0	0	0

(4) Venereal Diseases:

Syphilis	11	95	46
Gonorrhea	19	183	46
Chancroid	0	0	7
Lymphogranuloma, venereal	0	0	0

(5) Miscellaneous:

Yaws	0	0	0
Leprosy	0	4	3
Tetanus	11	0	3
Trachoma	849	168	175

Sanitation Activities

5. During December Military Government sanitation personnel distributed sanitation supplies, inspected and gave instructions and demonstrations to the native sanitation personnel on Okinawa. Southern Ryukyus reported 1,730 houses sprayed during November. No breakdown of sanitation activities was reported for Okinawa and the Northern Ryukyus.

6. The rodent control team on Okinawa, consisting of 4 technicians working with native teams, continued the drive on rodents in the vicinity of military installations.

7. The following sanitation supplies were distributed:

	<u>Okinawa G.</u>	<u>N. Ryukyus</u>	<u>S. Ryukyus</u>
Diesel	9,075 gal	990 gal	1,100 gal
DDT Concentrate	3,025 lb	330 lb	367 lb
DDT 10%	75 lb	0	0
Sprayers	6 ea	0	0

Nursing Affairs

8. The Okinawan schools of nursing received the following books from Tokyo; 90 copies of "Nursing Procedures"; translation of "Home Care of Tuberculosis" and "Story of Tuberculosis in Pictures".

Medical Supply

9. There were 164,517 pounds of medical supplies received by Military Government during November. Of this amount 142,880 pounds were GARMA shipments. Supplies distributed by Military Government were as follows: Okinawa, 336,100 pounds; Northern Ryukyus, 108,320 pounds; Southern Ryukyus, 94,670 pounds.

10. Narcotics distribution in Okinawa during November is shown in the table below. No distribution was made to the Northern Ryukyus or to the Southern Ryukyus.

<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cocaine Hydrochloride, $\frac{1}{4}$ oz	bot	35
Cocaine Hydrochloride, amp. 0.5 Gm 6s	pkg	20
Codeine Sulfate, 1 oz	bot	0
Codeine Sulfate, 0.032 Gm 300s	bot	30
Codeine Sulfate, Tab 0.032 Gm 500s	bot	21
Ethylmorphine Hydrochloride	bot	4
Morphine Sulfate, 1 oz	bot	1
Morphine Sulfate, Tab 0.016 Gm	tub	80
Morphine Tartrate Syrettes 0.032 Gm 5s	pkg	215
Opium Tincture, 1 oz	bot	2
Opium Tincture, $\frac{1}{4}$ pt	bot	60
Opium Tincture, camphorated, 1 pt	bot	100

Veterinary Affairs

11. No epidemic diseases in cattle, swine or horses appeared in Okinawa in November and no deaths occurred. Okinawa had seven cases of lumbar paralysis in goats with 2 deaths. The Northern Ryukyus reported 15 cases of erysipelas among swine resulting in 3 deaths. The Southern Ryukyus reported one case of Texas fever resulting in death among cattle.

12. No condemnations of slaughtered animals were reported in the Ryukyus in November.

WELFARE

13. In December 11,436 Okinawans received non-institutional relief aid.

RELIEF ROLL - OKINAWA GUNTO (non - institutional) December

Persons under 16 years of age	7,178
Persons over 61 years of age	2,741
Pregnant women	8
Physically handicapped and invalids	1,196
Women with children	313

14. Indoctrination classes for new Military Government mura welfare officials were held in December. There are now 28 of these officials, eleven of whom are women. They supervise distribution of welfare supplies and investigate the general welfare situation in their muras, working in cooperation with local welfare officials.

15. A meeting of the Naha Okinawan Women's Club was held at Naha with 600 Okinawan women present. The meeting was called so that the head of the Military Government Welfare Section, the LARA representative and the President of the Okinawan Red Cross Interim Society might explain policies and procedures of their organizations and their solutions and to discuss the place of women in the reconstruction of Okinawa.

16. A drive for Christmas gifts for the Ryukyuan Leper Colonies resulted in the receipt of two truck loads of food, clothing, toys and comfort items and the sum of \$557.65 in cash from occupation personnel in the Ryukyus.

17. A LARA shipment arrived on 10 December containing 2½ tons of school supplies, 2½ tons of lard and shortening and 1½ tons of soap. LARA distributed 120 family-pack type A a/, 120 family-pack type B b/ and some emergency packs c/ for mura relief. Children in the leper colonies and orphanages were given 435 kiddies kits d/, and one ton of hospital and nursing supplies were given to hospitals at Koza, Nago and Jizuza and to the nursing schools.

- a/ Package consists of 1 OD blanket, 1 cotton sheet blanket and clothing.
- b/ Consisting of 1 OD blanket, clothing and dress material - this is generally given to widows.
- c/ Same as a/ with addition of food package.
- d/ Package of shoe box size donated by individuals, containing toys, shoes, pencils and other items for children.

Social and Child Welfare

18. A total of 320 persons received institutional relief in Okinawa in December in the following institutions:

<u>Orphanages</u>		<u>Old Peoples Homes</u>	
Koza	98	Koza	27
Hyakuna	81	Ishikawa	45
Taira	24	Shuri	31
Shuri	14		
Total	<u>217</u>	Total	<u>103</u>

19. In December a number of Christmas parties were given for children of the Okinawan Orphanages by various American Women's Clubs and other groups on Okinawa. Gifts of food, clothing and toys were presented to the children.

20. One hundred and forty undeliverable packages were turned over to the Welfare Department by the International Post Office in Naha. Contents of these were distributed to the orphanages and old peoples' homes on Okinawa.

RESSETTLEMENT

21. The island of Tsugen Shima, consisting of approximately 375 acres off the east coast of Okinawa, was released for resettlement and cultivation.

REPATRIATION

22. Okinawa received 112 repatriates from Japan, Northern Ryukyus received 158 and the Southern Ryukyus received 21 during December.

Eight repatriates were sent to Japan from the Northern Ryukyus in December.

VITAL STATISTICS

23. Population of the Ryukyus in October is given below. Northern Ryukyus reported 6 stillbirths, while none were reported for Okinawa and the Southern Ryukyus.

	<u>Population</u> <u>as of 30 Sept</u>	<u>Births</u>	<u>Gains</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Population</u> <u>as of 31 Oct</u>
Okinawa	551,054	1,775	43	353	-	552,519
Northern Ryukyus	222,128 <u>a/</u>	566	0	319	0	222,375
Southern Ryukyus	118,184	404	155	65	144	118,534

a/ Revised figure

Marriages and Divorces in October were as follows:

	<u>Marriages</u>	<u>Divorces</u>
Okinawa	448	99
Northern Ryukyus	205	28
Southern Ryukyus	117	10

RYUKYUAN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN

24. The following property was taken into custody during December.

<u>Land</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Parcels</u>	<u>Appraised</u> <u>Value</u>	<u>Area</u> <u>(Tsubo)</u> <u>a/</u>	<u>Improve</u> <u>ments</u>	<u>Value of</u> <u>Improvements</u>
Used by Military	11	¥ 511,860	17,062	-	-
Used by OCA	-	-	-	-	-
Available for lease	679	5,590,320	572,525	40	¥ 541,395
Totals	680	¥ 6,102,680	589,587	40	¥ 541,395

a/ One tsubo is approximately 36 square feet.

SECTION 2

EDUCATION, INFORMATION, CULTURE AND RELIGION

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E D U C A T I O N

Schools

1. The school attendance in Okinawa Gunto and the Northern Ryukyus is shown in the table below. No figures were received from the Southern Ryukyus.

<u>Type of School</u>	<u>Number of Schools</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Pupils</u>
Okinawa Gunto (December)			
Kindergarten	134	427	21,645
Elementary	145	2,197	90,741
Junior High School	47	984	36,125
Senior High School	15	319	6,909
Technical High School	5	64	575
Higher School	6 <u>a/</u>	30	463
Total	<u>352</u>	<u>4,021</u>	<u>156,458</u>
Northern Ryukyus (December)			
Kindergarten	5	22	722
Elementary	103	854	32,029
Junior High School	40	425	12,595
Technical High School	14	73	2,049
Boys' High School	2 <u>b/</u>	53	1,745
Totals	<u>164</u>	<u>1,432</u>	<u>49,140</u>

a/ Includes four branch foreign language schools: at Itoman, Maebaru, Shuri and Taira. Three of these opened on 1 September 1948, and the Maebaru branch opened on 1 October.

b/ Includes one agricultural school.

2. Improvements to schools buildings in the Northern Ryukyus included repairs on 5 primary schools, 3 junior high schools and 1 technical high school. Temporary construction consisted of 1 primary school and 1 junior high school building.

Supplies

3. The following educational supplies were distributed in December:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Okinawa</u>	<u>G. N. Ryukyus</u>	<u>S. Ryukyus</u>
Bats	ea	240	2,000	1,200
Balls	ea	2,400	15,000	8,500
Phonographs	ea	70	52	28
Records	set	288	320	180
Harmonicas	ea	46	115	65
Cloth	yd	0	3,204	2,678
Tents	ea	105	0	0
Nails	keg	61	0	0
Paper, lithograph	rm	710	0	0
Ink	bot	1,756	0	0
Shovels	ea	469	0	0
Picks	ea	288	0	0
Textbooks & miscellaneous books	ea	168,491	104,788	48,461

Ryukyuan Schools of Higher Learning

4. During December a survey was made of the Ryukyuan schools of higher learning, all of which are located on Okinawa. The two principal schools, the Teacher's Training School and the Foreign Language School, opened at Gusuku, Maebaru District, on 10 January 1946. To facilitate the effective training of teachers, a practice elementary school was established on 20 February 1945 and a practice junior high school on 8 April 1945, both in the vicinity of the parent school. On 1 September 1948 branches of the Foreign Language School opened at Nago, Shuri and Itoman, and on 1 October a fourth branch opened at Maebaru.

After 1 April 1948, at which time all schools of higher learning and associated schools were classed as Ryukyuan rather than Okinawan, they were placed under the direct supervision of the Information and Education Department of Military Government.

The faculty of the Teacher's Training School consists of a principal and eleven teachers, one of whom also serves as principal of the Practice Junior High School. They are experienced teachers with an average of sixteen years in service and educational qualifications above the average for Okinawa. The teachers' salaries in each instance are supplemented by gardening or by wages of other members of the family.

The enrollment of 173 includes 99 men and 74 women who range in age from 17 to 24. They are divided into two groups of 97

and 76, for the one year and the six months' courses respectively. Twenty students from the Northern Ryukyus and 10 from the Southern Ryukyus are attending the school. Those students in the one year course are high school graduates with no teaching experience, and those in the six months' course have had teaching experience. Every student must pass an entrance examination. At this school all students live on the campus in 27 tent and frame structures. No tuition is charged. The school occupies five quonsets - four classrooms and a teachers' rooms.

5. The faculty of the Foreign Language School consists of one principal and seven teachers. The faculty, all English speaking, has an average of eight years of experience in the profession. Their salaries, ranging from ¥ 460 to ¥ 850, are supplemented in three instances.

The enrollment of 118 includes 6 women. There are three courses in English given at the school; a one year course for interpreters, a six months' course for interpreters and a six months' course for junior high school English teachers. One hundred seven students board at the school in 21 tent and frame structures. All are admitted by examination and no tuition is charged. Ten students are from the Northern Ryukyus and eight are from the Southern Ryukyus. The school occupies four quonsets - three for classrooms and one for a teachers' room.

6. The Itoman Branch of the Foreign Language School has two teachers and occupies a room in the Itoman High School. Enrollment for the new term beginning on 13 December was expected to reach at least 23, eleven of whom will be boarding students. As all will be teachers in service, no entrance examination is considered necessary. The Maebaru School has two teachers and an enrollment of 24, of which five are women and eighteen are boarding students. No entrance examinations are given. The Shuri Branch has three teachers with an estimated enrollment of 40 for the teachers' training course and 25 for the interpreter's course. None of the students are boarders. The school occupies a building provided by the mayor of Shuri and one lent by the Shuri Junior High School. The Taira Branch, with three teachers, has an estimated enrollment of 40 for the teacher's training course and 20 for the interpreter's course. About 50 students are boarders. Entrance examinations are given for interpreters only. The school occupies two small quonsets on the grounds of the old Taira Girl's High School.

INFORMATION

7. The first issue of the Ryukyuan Gazette was published on 20 December. This mimeographed newspaper will serve as the official organ of Ryukyus Military Government and the four Ryukyuan civil governments. The newspaper will be published once or twice a month, depending upon the supply of paper and mimeograph ink. At present it has a circulation of 7,000 copies throughout the Ryukyus.

Purposes of the newspaper are: (1) to give the people of the Ryukyus a clear picture of the aims and activities of the Ryukyus Military Government and the four native governments (2) to give them, whenever possible, timely news releases of local and national interest (3) to explain the meaning of various American political, economic, social, educational and religious policies, traditions and customs to the Ryukyuans (4) to establish greater understanding and sympathy between Ryukyuans and the people of the United States of America.

Articles included in the first issue were: Purposes of the Gazette; Institutional Welfare in the Ryukyus; CARE Extends Activities to Ryukyus; Hanneji Dam Is Completed; All Ryukyus Financial Meeting to be Held; Legislative Investigation Committee Is Formed; Season's Greetings from Maj Gen W.W. Eagles, Chief Military Government Officer, RYCOM; Greetings from Chiji of Okinawa Gunto; American Christmas Traditions; Third Anniversary of Okinawa Police Academy.

CULTURE

Okinawan Libraries

8. A survey of libraries on Okinawa was completed by the Information and Education Department of Military Government in December. The four libraries, all established in 1947, are located in Chinen (main library), Ishikawa, Shuri and Nago. They employ 13 persons who receive salaries ranging from ¥ 375 to ¥ 600. The four libraries contain a total of 5,049 secondhand books and 10,000 old magazines in varying stages of deterioration. Since the first library opened in April 1947 until December 1948, the date of the latest available figures, the readers have increased from an average of 100 per week to 600 per week. Records indicate that male readers are three times as numerous as female. A majority of the readers show a preference for books classed as literature and linguistics. Only a few read books or magazines classed as foreign. Three of the libraries occupy a quonset apiece, the one at Shuri badly rusted and in urgent need of paint. The Nago Library is temporarily housed in a room in an elementary school, until such time as labor is available for the erection of a quonset.

RELIGION

9. One Catholic Missionary arrived in the Northern Ryukyus to join two others already stationed there.

10. Clothing, bedding and household goods were collected by the Buddhists Women's Society, to distribute to residents of Toguchi village after a fire resulted in a great loss of property. Buddhist priests of Naze supervised collection of ¥ 300 which was donated to the Boma Primary School of Toguchi village.

11. Requiem services were held at Taishoji Temple in Naze prior to turning over to their families ashes of 1,537 Ryukyuan soldiers.

